

21 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: State Review of NIS Drafts

1. In conference here today with Mr. Stewart Lester, the procedures worked out in my 7 March draft on the same subject ran into an obstacle. Lester claims he cannot expect the INR desks to complete their review of NIS manuscripts in less than three weeks. If Lester receives completed NIS drafts for local State review at the same time they are sent to OBI for processing, OBI would have to wait a week or more for this local review even though the embassy comments might have been received sooner.

2. I told Lester we did not intend to make any more changes to sociological, political, or economic manuscripts in page proof. He seemed to see that this was desirable and also agreed more or less with the major premises in my draft: that the NIS must be processed expeditiously to reduce the obsolescence factor.

3. Lester took the draft with him to show to Mr. Evans, and said he would explain the problem and see what could be done about INR capabilities and priorities. After Lester has made his suggestions, I will again have to consult with [REDACTED] and 25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED]

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